

Remarks

Claims 21-40 are pending in the application.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, drawn to a method of radially perforating propellant tubes. Claims 21-28 and 34-40 are directed to the elected invention. Claims 29-33 are drawn to non-elected invention and may be cancelled by the Examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention. Applicant also elects without traverse Species A directed to the die moves in an axial direction relative to the longitudinal direction of the clamped propellant tube and Subspecies 1, the embodiment depicted in Fig. 1. Claims 21-28 and 34-40 read on the elected Species and Subspecies.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20459-00401-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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